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## DR. ADELAIDE STEELE BAYLOR

The Congress has suffered a great loss in the passing away, on December 18, of Dr. Adelaide Steele Baylor, of the United States Office of Education, who was for nearly four years the inspiring Chairman of our Committee on Homemaking.

Dr. Baylor's knowledge of the work, her kindly method of approach, her warm friendliness toward laymen's efforts, and her devotion to all good causes mark her as one of the great women of America.

As her pupils and the recipients of her helpful offices, we pay warm tribute to her in ever grateful memory.

*Mary L. Langworthy*

## Executive Committee Meeting Ushers in New Year of Congress Activity

Our New Year greetings are of necessity (owing to our publishing schedule) somewhat tardy, but none the less hearty, and we hereby extend to all our readers Greetings of the Season, with the wish that 1936 may bring to you all the good things of life which you crave . . . and deserve.

The New Year gets under way with the meeting of the National Congress Executive Committee, in Washington, January 16-19, at the National Office. Important plans and policies of the Congress will be considered at its sessions.

Cheerful news flashes reaching the National Office from widely separated sections indicate a rapidly growing membership. This augurs well for attainment of the goal set up by our National Membership Chairman, Miss Mary England,—“Two Million Members in 1936.”

An important date on the parent-teacher calendar is Founders Day, February 17, which will be observed next month. The largest number of units in our history—more than 23,000 strong—will celebrate the 39th anniversary of the Congress. The BULLETIN and the *National Parent-Teacher Magazine* eagerly await the opportunity to publish accounts of unusual Founders Day programs in local units. Publicity chairmen, please note!

From Milwaukee, where our National Convention will be held, May 11-15, comes word of meetings of Convention committees, hints of plans being made for entertainment of the delegates, and other portents of the good things which await us when we meet there in the spring. See page 3 for other information about the Convention.

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### Parent - Teacher Section at Superintendence Convention

Dr. Charles H. Judd, Professor of Education and Chairman, Department of Education, University of Chicago, will speak on "Relation of the School Board to the Public" at the Parent-Teacher Section Meeting, during the convention of the Department of Superintendence, National Education Association, in St. Louis, Missouri, February 25. The Parent-Teacher Section, under the auspices of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, will meet at the St. Louis Municipal Auditorium, Tuesday, February 25, at 2:15 P.M. A panel discussion will follow Dr. Judd's address. Several members of the National Board will attend the convention and participate in this and other section meetings.

Mrs. A. H. Reeve, International Relations Chairman for the National Congress, will speak on the adult education program on February 26. Her topic will be "Parent Education for Crime Prevention." The general theme of the adult education program for Wednesday is "Significant Factors in Life-long Learning."

Dr. A. F. Harman, Fifth Vicepresident, has been invited to speak on the program of the Department of Elementary School Principals.

Miss Alice Sowers will speak at the meeting of the Department of Supervisors and Teachers of Home Economics at the Chase Hotel Saturday morning, February 22. Her subject will be "Home Economics and Parent Education."

### Safety Meeting

Representatives of national organizations interested in school boy safety patrols will meet in Washington in January, to review the standard school boy safety patrol regulations with a view to revising them if necessary. Mrs. A. B. Shuttleworth, Director of the Department of Public Welfare, and Miss Marian Telford, National Safety Chairman, will represent the Congress at this meeting. The American Automobile Association, the National Safety Council, and the National Education Association will participate.

### New Pamphlets of Interest to Congress Members

*Health Survey of Virginia's Children and Some Fields Affecting Child Health.* Prepared by the state committee on child hygiene, Co-operative Education Association, the Virginia branch of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

*Injuries in the Home; Facts and Figures on Home and Farm Accident; Home and Farm Accident Prevention; The Red Cross on the Highways*—four pamphlets from the American Red Cross, Washington, D. C.

*Handbook on the Federal Child Labor Amendment.* Pub. No. 368, prepared by the Department of Research and Publicity, National Child Labor Committee, 419 Fourth Avenue, New York City, price 15 cents.

*Grants to States for Maternal and Child Welfare under the Social Security Act.* Maternal and Child Welfare Bulletin No. I. Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., price 10 cents.

*Coordination of Effort for the Education of Exceptional Children.* Bulletin 1935, No. 7, compiled by Elise H. Martens. Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., price 10 cents.

*Educational Research Bulletin.* Vol. XIV, No. 7, published by the Bureau of Educational Research, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

*How to Conduct Group Discussion.* Circular 276, by A. F. Wileden and H. L. Ewbank. Extension Service, College of Agriculture, University of Wisconsin, Madison, price 5 cents.

### In the Magazine

Emily Newell Blair, well-known author and lecturer, has written the sixth article in the Parent Education Study Course appearing in the *National Parent-Teacher Magazine*. Her article, which will appear in the February issue, is called "The Home as a Cultural, Spiritual Center." It defines the terms, *cultural* and *spiritual*, tells how these qualities may be achieved in the home, why they should be, and what they mean to children both now and later in life.

*Large City School Systems.* A study in seven cities. National League of Women Voters, 726 Jackson Place, Washington, D. C., price 15 cents.

*Legislative Action in 1935 Affecting Education.* Circular No. 155, by Ward W. Keeseker. U. S. Department of the Interior, Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

*Services of the Federal Government to Home Owners and Tenants.* Issued by the United States Information Service. Order from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C.

*Fundamentals in the Education of Negroes.* Bulletin 1935, No. 6. Compiled and edited by Ambrose Caliver. Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., price 10 cents.

*Health Facts.* This compilation quotes figures to show the need for contributions to support health services. National Health Council, 50 West 50th Street, New York City, price 20 cents.

*Iowa Public Health Bulletin,* Vol. XLVIII, No. 4, supplemented by Reference Manual No. I, published by the State Department of Health, Des Moines, Iowa. This outline is concerned with child health and is designed for such organizations as the parent-teacher associations.

*Safe at Home.* National Safety Council, Civic Opera Bldg., 20 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois. Price 10 cents.

### World Education

The World Federation of Education Associations, 1201 16th St. N. W., Washington, D. C., U. S. A., will publish in January the first number of its magazine, *World Education*, devoted to world education movements in line with its objective to promote goodwill and understanding among nations through education.

World Goodwill Day, May 18, 1936, will be widely observed in the schools of the United States. The World Federation of Education Associations is mailing out 10,000 illustrated goodwill booklets full of suggestions for programs and pageants.

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## Thirty-ninth Annual National Convention Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 11 to 15

Now is the time to begin your plans to attend the National Convention in Milwaukee, May 11-15. Every PTA member should make the most of this opportunity, the one time during the year when parents and teachers from all sections of the United States come together to discuss their chief interest—the child.

*Special railroad rates* to Milwaukee will be available to all Congress members. Identification Convention Certificates will be issued as usual by the National Congress, through the state branches, to enable members to secure the special railroad rates. The Identification Certificate must be secured before starting the trip, in order to secure reduced fare. For this reason, all Congress mem-

bers who plan to attend the Milwaukee Convention should get in touch with the state president well in advance and secure the proper certificate.

*Special hotel rates* have been granted to the Congress by the Hotel Schroeder, the Convention Headquarters. Delegates and members wishing to stay there should write immediately for accommodations direct to the hotel, as reservations are honored in the order of their receipt. All rooms have private bath. Rates are as follows: Single room, \$3, \$3.50, \$4; double room (double bed), \$5, \$5.50, \$6; twin beds, \$6, \$7, \$8, \$10.

(Note: *Bulletin editors and publicity chairmen, please copy.*)

### Mothersingers Chorus Selections

Miss Mayme E. Irons, National Music Chairman, has announced the following selections for presentation by the National Mothersingers Chorus at the Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 11-15, 1936. Whether or not Mothersingers Choruses can attend the National Convention, they are asked to use this material to standardize their work as a part of this national movement.

1. *To Music*—Robert Franz arranged by Louis Victor Saar. No. 51111. C. Fischer. 10c.
2. *Sunbeams*. Landon Ronald. Enoch and Sons. No. 2406. 15c.
3. *Cradle Song*. Alexander MacFadyen. No. 35065. Presser. 10c.
4. *The Lamb*. H. Walford-Davies. H. W. Gray Co. No. 39. 15c.

### Legislation Plateprints

Two new Legislation plateprints have been published by the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. Send stamped, self-addressed envelop for single free copies. Price, 50c per 100.

The plateprint, National Legislation, 1936, gives new items approved by the N.C.P.T. Board of Managers, with recommendations for action and references.

The combination plateprint, Motion Picture Legislation and Food and Drug Legislation, discusses why these bills are needed, their present status, and what to do.

### Parent-Teacher Radio Forum

N.B.C.—WJZ Blue Network  
Wednesday, 2:30-3:00 p. m., E.S.T.

*Sponsored by the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, the University of Chicago, and the National Broadcasting Company*

### March 4

*Learning through the Library*—  
Carl H. Milam, Secretary, American Library Association, Chicago, Illinois.

### March 11

*Preparation for Home and Family Life*—Lita Bane, Collaborator in Parent Education, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

### March 18

*The Continued Education of Adults*—Morse Cartwright, Director, American Association for Adult Education, New York, N. Y.

### March 25

*Alcohol and Modern Life*—William McAndrew, Editor, Educational Review Section of *School and Society*, Mamaroneck, N. Y.

NOTE: Mimeographed copies of these radio talks, after delivery, may be secured from the National Office, price 5 cents each. A list of speakers and topics for coming programs will be sent free upon request. Inclose a stamped self-addressed envelop.

Our National President, Mrs. B. F. Langworthy, has been named as one of Chicago's ten outstanding women who are acclaimed for their notable achievements in literature, social service, politics, and business, according to the *Chicago Herald and Examiner* of December 16.

The Office of Education, U. S. Department of the Interior, has announced appointment of Miss Florence Fallgatter as Chief of the Home Economics Education Service in the Vocational Home Economics Division.

### Magazine Meeting

The stockholders, directors, and officers of the Child Welfare Company will meet in Washington, D. C., on Saturday, January 18, to hear reports and to elect directors for the ensuing year. Future editorial policies of the *National Parent-Teacher Magazine* will be discussed at this meeting. Mrs. Hugh Bradford, President of the Child Welfare Company, will preside.

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Congress will recess while the Child Welfare Company's sessions are in progress, in order that its members may attend.

# News From State Branches

**Kentucky** Although the opening of schools in Louisville and Jefferson County was delayed, the health committee of the state Congress has been very active. Members are working closely with city and county officers on such matters as pre-natal care and diphtheria immunization.

**Massachusetts** One hundred and thirty local associations have contributed this year to student aid, according to a report by Mrs. Florence L. Kuhn, chairman of the Student Aid Committee for the state Congress. The total, including money spent for loans, scholarships, and reserve funds, is \$10,627.

**Oregon** At the National Parent-Teacher Magazine dinner during the state convention of the Oregon Congress, the president of the Magazine, Mrs. Hugh Bradford, was presented by each association with as many flowers as they had subscriptions. A huge clothes basket covered in blue and gold was filled to overflowing with Oregon flowers—roses, cosmos, and chrysanthemums.

**Colorado** Eighty-five classes in literacy and citizenship have been sponsored by the Colorado units during the past year. Classes have been carried on in 19 counties, by 55 teachers, and have enrolled 2,000 students from 28 nations. At present, 500 are already citizens and 800 are candidates for citizenship. Upon entering the class, 265 could neither read nor write any language. This number has been reduced to 116.

Literacy and citizenship are only part of the whole program. Under avocational projects, the P.T.A. is conducting classes in music, drama, art, literature, creative writing, physical education, public affairs, college extension work, nursery schools, parent education, transient camp work, trade and industries, commercial subjects, agriculture, home economics, workers' education, and academic subjects for which there is a demand.

**Maine** Maine Congress is working for a more varied and flexible tax system and a reasonable local tax rate for the maintenance of an acceptable minimum school program.

The state branch is striving to keep in very close contact with its local units. Bulletins from other states are circulated among the local units.

Local units are discussing the vast changes in the school systems of Mexico, Germany, Russia, and Italy, what these countries offer youth in educational advantages, and what forces in these school systems hamper full development of the child.

**Minnesota** A map of the state with each of the 16 parent-teacher districts numbered was published in the December issue of *Minnesota Parent-Teacher*. Accounts of the work in the districts are given in connection with the map.

**Nebraska** "State Day," March 31, was originated by the Nebraska Congress to promote a study of Nebraska History.

Nebraska Congress is cooperating with other groups in the state seeking to draft for service in the one-house Legislature men and women of outstanding ability regardless of political affiliation. An effective legislative program is made possible by the united efforts of all the departments of the Congress.

**North Carolina** "Looking Ahead With Our Children" has been selected as the theme of the 1936 state convention, to be held in Charlotte, April 22, 23, and 24.

**Tennessee** Nashville P.T.A. Council is cooperating with the WPA in a work project, which will not only give employment to a large number of women, but will benefit approximately 1,000 underprivileged children who are prevented from attending school by the lack of the proper wearing apparel.

**Illinois** The Illinois Congress has recently revised its very complete plan for the state convention. This plan covers the responsibilities of the hostess city, appointment of committees, duties of state convention committees, program, resolutions, committees for local work, and almost every subject which contributes toward a successful convention.

**Wisconsin** Organization of 2 new city councils and 17 new units was reported by Wisconsin Congress during the period from December 2-18, making a total of 31 new locals this fall. Sixteen units have increased their membership from 20 percent to 364 percent.

**Washington** "Mental, Physical, and Spiritual Health for Home, School, and Country" is announced as the theme for the 1936 state Congress convention, to be held in Tacoma, May 4-6.

The extension department reports 26 new units since September, giving the Congress 5,000 more members than it had in December 1934.

One-hundred posters, 18' x 24', symbolizing "Protection for Every Child Everywhere," have been placed at vantage points throughout the state, as part of the program of the publicity committee.

**West Virginia** Kanawha county led last year in Summer Round-up activity, with ten associations registered. McDowell county was second, with nine, and Logan county was third, with seven. A prize has been offered for the best one-act play written by a state member on Summer Round-up.

**New Jersey** Mrs. Walter L. Bowen, President, New Jersey Congress of Parents and Teachers, is one of a committee of 15 appointed by the Governor to study details for a state Safety Council, for the purpose of coordinating safety activities now promoted by various state organizations.

**Texas** The new year 1936 will see the inauguration of a new program of service for the 2,317 local associations, city and county councils in membership with the Texas Congress.

The creation of this Service Bureau was effected at the post-convention board meeting at El Paso and came as the result of a recommendation of the new president, Mrs. M. A. Taylor, of Bonham. Mrs. Taylor's recommendation stated: "In order to emphasize and more fully to develop all parent-teacher associations in the state, it is recommended that a Service Bureau be created and that an appropriation be made from the General Fund to take care of this work. In this Bureau shall be placed the Parent-Teacher Study Course and such educational projects as may be found useful, special emphasis to be placed upon the development and enrichment of the rural units and parent education study groups."

**New York** With the termination of FERA funds, an effort was made by members of the New York State Congress to expedite action on the Nursery School for the Needy, a State WPA Project. The widespread interest in this project has been awakened by the valuable and far-reaching work done in the nursery schools throughout the state.

### Child Labor Day

Week-end of January 25-27, 1936.

### Re-organization Committee

Mrs. William Kletzer, President of the Oregon Congress, was elected by the Re-organization Committee to succeed Mrs. Francis H. Blake as chairman.